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UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND TASK WITH RESPECT TO
ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM

REFS: A) PARIS 26704 (NOTAL) AND B) PARIS 26701 (NOTAL)

1. DEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST DRAFT RESOLUTION (REFTELS) ON
SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND ISRAELI OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES, EXPLAINING THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO POLITICALLY-
ORIENTED RESOLUTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE INAPPROPRIATE
TO TECHNICAL AGENCIES OF THE UN. DEL SHOULD NOTE THAT
SOUTH AFRICAN, SOUTHERN RHODESIAN AND PALESTINIAN QUESTIONS
ARE ALL BEFORE UNGA OR UNSC, WHICH ARE PROPER FORUMS FOR
CONSIDERATION OF THESE MATTERS. WE CONSIDER UNESCO'S
INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL SUBJECTS NOT ONLY IMPROPER BUT
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HARMFUL TO EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNESCO PROGRAMS IN

EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND COMMUNICATIONS FIELDS.

2. WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN QUESTION, DEL SHOULD REITERATE THAT ONLY HOPE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, IS NEGOTIATING PROCESS

NOW UNDERWAY. ANY UNESCO RECOMMENDATION ON POLITICAL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS DOES NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND INDEED MIGHT HAVE UNDESIRABLE EFFECT OF POLARIZING THE ATTITUDES OF THE PARTIES TO THE DEBATE.

3. IT IS HOPED THAT FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WILL PROVE USEFUL IN COPING WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND OTHER SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM:

A) WHILE WE SUPPORT UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, IN OUR VIEW EXCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, FROM TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNESCO OR FROM ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES SERVES NEITHER ORGANIZATION NOR ITS GOALS OF RACIAL EQUALITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION. ISOLATION IS LESS LIKELY THAN INTERACTION AND COMMUNICATION TO BRING ABOUT MODIFICATION IN SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES.

B) WE THEREFORE OPPOSE ENDING COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND ALSO OPPOSE BOYCOTT BY NGO'S OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ANY EFFORTS BY UNESCO TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON NGO'S TO ACHIEVE THIS. WE LIKewise CANNOT CONCUR WITH CALL FOR UNESCO TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH BANKS AND FIRMS WHICH DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

C) WE ALSO OPPOSE CALL FOR UNESCO TO AID LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND PEOPLES IN "LIBERATED AREAS" ON GROUNDS SUCH AID WOULD CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE PARTICIPATION OF LIBERATION

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MOVEMENTS IN UNESCO.

D) RE IMPACT OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT: US SUPPORTED ECOSOC RES. 1721 (LIII) CALLING FOR STUDY OF IMPACT OF THESE CORPORATIONS ON BOTH DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

E) WE AGREE THAT UNESCO AND OTHER SA'S HAVE LEGITIMATE

CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT AT THIS STAGE WE CANNOT SPEAK OF THE RPT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. (USE OF INDEFINITE ARTICLE "A" IS CONSISTENT WITH TITLES OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ADOPTED BY UNGA).

SPECIAL SESSION.)

F) US VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION OF TEHERAN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS REGARDING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

G) CONVENTION ADOPTED BY 28TH UNGA RE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID WAS OPPOSED BY US ON LEGAL GROUNDS RELATING TO OUR CONCERN OVER CRIMINAL JURISDICTION ESTABLISHED BY CONVENTION. KISSINGER

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